

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus, comprising:

an image forming section; and

a sheet feed apparatus aligned to feed a sheet to the image forming section and comprising

a sheet feed roller configured to be in pressing contact with an uppermost sheet of a plurality of sheets, and

a tilt member opposing the sheet feed roller, said tilt member including

a tilt member contact body including

a contact face in direct contact with the sheet feed roller,

a tilt face configured to be in contact with an edge of the

uppermost sheet,

a back face,

a bottom face, and

a front face, the contact face extending from the back face to the tilt face, the tilt face extending from the contact face to the front face, the back face extending from the contact face to the bottom face, ~~a thickness of the tilt member contact body that extends from the back face to the front face is less than a height of the tilt member contact body that extends from the contact face to the bottom face,~~ and the tilt member contact body is made of a first material consisting of one of

aluminum (Al),  
poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK),  
polyimide (PI), and  
an alloy that contains polyimide (PAI); and  
a tilt member support body made of a second material different from  
the first material, said second material consisting of one of  
an ABS resin,  
polyacetal (POM),  
polybutylene terephthalate (PBT), and  
polycarbonate (PC),  
wherein said tilt member support body includes a support face and a  
top face that extends substantially perpendicular to the support face, and  
wherein the back face of said tilt member contact body directly contacts the  
support face of the tilt member support body.

Claims 2-30 (Canceled).

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein said tilt member contact body is made of aluminum (Al).

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein said tilt member contact body is made of poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK).

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tilt member contact body is made of polyimide (PI).

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tilt member contact body is made of an alloy that contains polyimide (PAI).

Claim 35 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tilt member support body is made of an ABS resin.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tilt member support body is made of polyacetal (POM).

Claim 37 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tilt member support body is made of polybutylene terephthalate (PBT).

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tilt member support body is made of polycarbonate (PC).

Claim 39 (Canceled).

Claim 40 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tilt member support body includes ~~a support face and~~ two hooks that extend

away from said tilt member support body in a direction that is substantially parallel to the support face [[,]] ~~and wherein the back face of said tilt member contact body directly contacts the support face of the tilt member support body.~~

Claim 41 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tilt member support body includes ~~a support face and~~ two ribs that each include a front face that extends substantially parallel to the support face [[,]] ~~and wherein the back face of said tilt member contact body directly contacts the support face of the tilt member support body.~~

Claim 42 (Canceled).

Claim 43 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the contact face of the tilt member contact body is substantially perpendicular to the back face of said tilt member contact body [[,]] ~~and wherein the back face of said tilt member contact body directly contacts a support face of the tilt member support body.~~

Claim 44 (Currently Amended): A sheet feeding apparatus, comprising:  
a sheet feed roller configured to be in pressing contact with an uppermost sheet of a plurality of sheets, and  
a tilt member opposing the sheet feed roller, said tilt member including  
a tilt member contact body including

a contact face in direct contact with the sheet feed roller,  
a tilt face configured to be in contact with an edge of the uppermost  
sheet,  
a back face,  
a bottom face, and  
a front face, the contact face extending from the back face to the tilt  
face, the tilt face extending from the contact face to the front face, the back  
face extending from the contact face to the bottom face, ~~a thickness of the tilt  
member contact body that extends from the back face to the front face is less  
than a height of the tilt member contact body that extends from the contact  
face to the bottom face,~~ and the tilt member contact body is made of a first  
material consisting of one of  
aluminum (Al),  
poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK),  
polyimide (PI), and  
an alloy that contains polyimide (PAI); and  
a tilt member support body made of a second material different from the first  
material, said second material consisting of one of  
an ABS resin,  
polyacetal (POM),  
polybutylene terephthalate (PBT), and  
polycarbonate (PC),

wherein said tilt member support body includes a support face and a top face that extends substantially perpendicular to the support face, and wherein the back face of said tilt member contact body directly contacts the support face of the tilt member support body.

Claim 45 (Canceled).

Claim 46 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus according to claim 44, wherein said tilt member support body includes ~~a support face and~~ two hooks that extend away from said tilt member support body in a direction that is substantially parallel to the support face [[,]] ~~and wherein the back face of said tilt member contact body directly contacts the support face of the tilt member support body.~~

Claim 47 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus according to claim 44, wherein said tilt member support body includes ~~a support face and~~ two ribs that each include a front face that extends substantially parallel to the support face [[,]] ~~and wherein the back face of said tilt member contact body directly contacts the support face of the tilt member support body.~~

Claim 48 (Canceled).

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Claim 49 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus according to claim 44,  
wherein the contact face of the tilt member contact body is substantially perpendicular to the  
back face of said tilt member contact body [[,]] ~~and wherein the back face of said tilt member  
contact body directly contacts a support face of the tilt member support body.~~